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Texas Public Policy and Mental Health Care

Post-Session Snapshot

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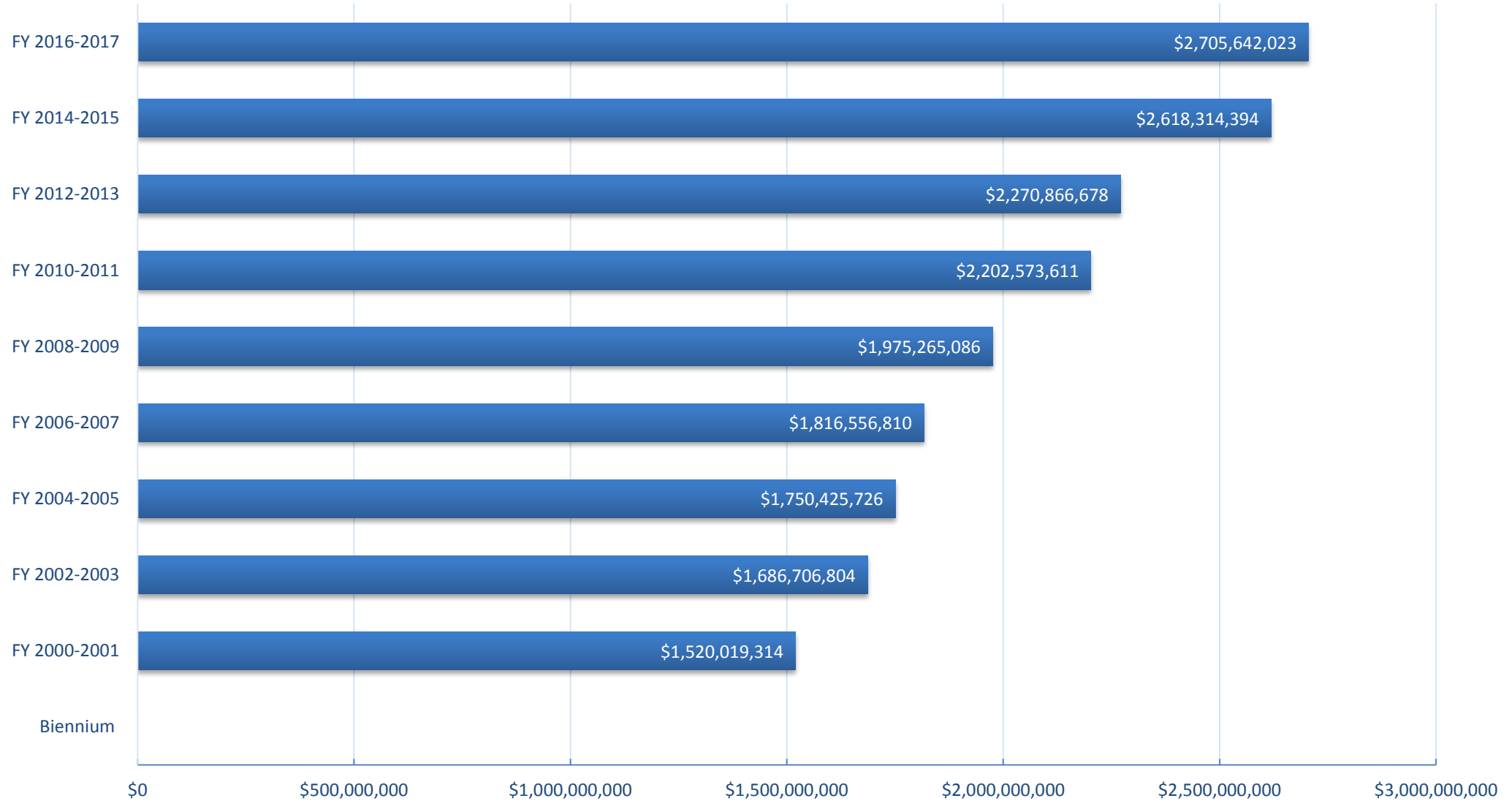
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Texas Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services

Appropriated Funds



Support & Funding Continue for Mental Health & Substance Use

BASE BUDGET	HB 1 2016	HB 1 2017	HB 1 Total
Community MH ADULTS	\$318,957,302	\$344,962,725	\$663,920,027
Community MH CHILDREN	\$97,660,082	\$106,990,586	\$204,650,668
COMMUNITY MH CRISIS	\$127,656,512	\$127,656,510	\$255,313,022
NORTHSTAR WAIVER	\$128,398,238	\$45,666,302	\$174,064,540
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREV/INTERV/TREAT	\$157,072,333	\$168,038,323	\$325,110,656
MH STATE HOSPITALS	\$434,737,229	\$437,902,640	\$872,639,869
MH COMMUNITY HOSPITALS	\$99,971,621	\$109,971,620	\$209,943,241
<i>Total</i>	\$1,364,453,317	\$1,341,188,706	\$2,705,642,023

Mental Health and Substance Use Policy

What Happened in the 84th?

PASSED:

Continuity of Care

- **HB 1908** enables individuals with high clinical needs, regardless of a specific diagnosis, and a high level of risk of recidivism be eligible to participate in the TX Correctional Office of Offenders with Medical and Mental Impairments parole and probation services.
- **HB 839** requires the reinstatement of Medicaid and CHIP benefits for youth who is placed in a Juvenile Justice facility upon their release.
- **SB 1507** creates a Mental Health Forensic Director position with DSHS.

MH Workforce

- **SB 239** Student Loan Repayment program for MH providers who work with an underserved population and/or health profession work shortage area.

Teacher Education

- **SB 133** expands MH First Aid training to personnel (i.e. educators, secretaries, bus drivers, and campus peace officers) throughout schools and school districts.
- **SB 674** requires participation in mental health, substance abuse, and youth suicide in educator training programs prior obtaining a certificate in instruction.

MISSED

OPPORTUNITIES:

HB 2523 / SB 1744

reinstatement of Medicaid benefits for adults upon release from a county jail.

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and financially secure.

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